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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **EAST YAKUTAT SECTION DIRECTED LINGCOD FISHERY CLOSURE ANNOUNCEMENT**

Sitka... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the directed fishery for lingcod will close in the entire East Yakutat (EYKT) Section, including the Fairweather Grounds, at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, May 19, 2012. The total annual directed fishery quota for the EYKT Section is 111,000 round pounds. It is estimated that the EYKT quota will be taken by this time.

The directed lingcod fishery remains open in the Icy Bay Subdistrict (IBS), Northern Southeast Outside (NSEO) Section, Central Southeast Outside (CSEO) Section, and the Southern Southeast Outer Coast (SSEOC) Sector. Lingcod catch will be closely monitored and fishermen should expect additional area closures on short notice. Closure notices will be announced by news release and on the United States Coast Guard "Notice to Mariners" report and the National Weather Service marine broadcast.

Updates of area closures for all lingcod fisheries will be available on the Groundfish Hotline at 907-747-4882. For additional information on the directed lingcod fishery, refer to the news release issued on April 23, 2012.

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1G0812.

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